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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PAID Assessment of Intelligence Production in Support  
of US Human Rights Initiatives

1. (U) On 2 August 1977 the undersigned met with members of the NSC staff, together with a representative of the Policy Planning Staff, Department of State, to obtain their views concerning the adequacy of Intelligence Community products concerning human rights. Present from the NSC were Robert Pastor, Latin America, Mike Oksenberg, Far East, PRC, Mike Armacost, SEA, and Richard Feinberg from the Policy Planning Staff.

2. (C) As users of Intelligence Community products, these NSC and State Department representatives rated Community output on human rights as good to excellent and of considerable value in the formulation of US foreign policies. While expressing general satisfaction with Community products, suggestions were offered for future production along the following lines:

- Evaluations concerning how foreign leaders, both parties in power and opposition groups, rank the human rights issue in order of importance against other issues pertinent to the relevant geographic area.
- Additional reports to assist in determining the degree to which non-governmental entities may be committing human rights violations on behalf of foreign governments, such as recent allegations involving right wing groups in El Salvador.
- Specific information upon which to base evaluations of allegations of human rights violations received from non-governmental groups such as Amnesty International.

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4. (U) On the basis of our discussion, there appears to be some disparity in the extent to which NSC and State staff members who support policymakers have become knowledgeable concerning the structure and capabilities of the Community through prior work experience or other means. Selected staff members at the NSC, State, and elsewhere might usefully be provided with an overview.



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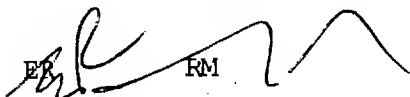
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PAID or a Task  
force of OPEI pull  
together an overview  
of some kind for  
staff of policy makers?

Sold Al about note  
on 12 Aug - he  
will think about.

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<p>An assessment of Community production on human rights prepared by the PAID will be issued within the next day or two.</p> <p><i>What do?</i> <i>Workshop of producers &amp; customers??</i> <i>Ref</i></p>			
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